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Dear Mr. Kulkarni:

This is in response to your letter received 13 May 2004, inquiring about the status of U.S. Serial No. 10/070,560. You stated that the last communication that you have received from this Office was a response to a status request dated 26 August 2003. USPTO records appear to show that a decision to a petition filed 17 September 2002, was mailed to applicant on 04 February 2004 (copy attached), and the petition was DISMISSED. Applicant was given TWO(2) MONTHS to file a proper response. Failure to timely file a proper response results in abandonment of this application (see Petition dated 04 February 2004). However, applicant may under 37 CFR 1.136(a) file for an extension of time.

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